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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **14 CFR Part 71**

[Docket No. FAA-2020-0321; Airspace Docket No. 20-AGL-17]

**RIN 2120-AA66**

### **Amendment of Class D and E Airspace and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Alton/St. Louis, IL**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends the Class D airspace and Class E airspace area designated as an extension to a Class D surface area and establishes Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at St. Louis Regional Airport, Alton/St. Louis, IL. This action is the result of an airspace review caused by the decommissioning of the outer marker to runway 29 at St. Louis Regional Airport. The geographic coordinates of the airport are also being updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, November 5, 2020. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1 Code of Federal Regulations part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/).

For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records

Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11D at NARA, email [fedreg.legal@nara.gov](mailto:fedreg.legal@nara.gov) or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends the Class D airspace and Class E airspace area designated as an extension to a Class D surface area and establishes Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at St. Louis Regional Airport, Alton/St. Louis, IL, to support instrument flight rule operations at this airport.

**History**

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the FEDERAL REGISTER (85 FR 27188; May 7, 2020) for Docket No. FAA-2020-0321 to amend the Class D airspace and Class E airspace area designated as an extension to a Class D surface area and establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at St. Louis Regional Airport, Alton/St. Louis, IL. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by

submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class D and E airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000, 6004, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.11D, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D and E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

### **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019. FAA Order 7400.11D is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11D lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

### **The Rule**

This amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71:

Amends the Class D airspace at St. Louis Regional Airport, Alton/St. Louis, IL, to within a 4.4-mile (increased from 4.2-mile) radius of the airport; updates the header of the airspace legal description to Alton/St. Louis, IL (previously Alton, IL) to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database; removes the city associated with the airport in the airspace legal description to comply with changes to FAA Order 7400.2M, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters; updates the geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database; updates the name of the St. Louis, MO, Class B (previously Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, MO, Class B) to coincide with FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points; and replaces the outdated term "Airport/Facility Directory" with "Chart Supplement";

Amends the Class E airspace area designated as an extension to a Class D surface area at St. Louis Regional Airport to within 2.5 miles (decreased from 2.6 miles) each side of the 008° (previously 012°) bearing from the Civic Memorial NDB (previously St. Louis Regional Airport)

extending from the 4.4-mile (increased from 4.2-mile) radius of St. Louis Regional Airport to 7 miles (increased from 6.1 miles) north of the Civic Memorial NDB (previously the airport); updates the header of the airspace legal description to Alton/St. Louis, IL (previously Alton, IL) to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database; removes the city associated with the airport in the airspace legal description to comply with changes to FAA Order 7400.2M; updates the geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database; and replaces the outdated term "Airport/Facility Directory" with "Chart Supplement";

And establishes Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.9-mile radius St. Louis Regional Airport; and within 2.5 miles each side of the 008° bearing from the Civic Memorial NDB extending from the 6.9-mile radius of the airport to 7 miles north of the Civic Memorial NDB. (This airspace was previously contained within the St. Louis, MO, Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface airspace legal description; however, with this amendment, the airspace no longer adjoins, and a separate airspace legal description is being established by this action.)

This action is the result of an airspace review caused by the decommissioning of the outer marker to runway 29 at St. Louis Regional Airport which provided navigational information to this airport.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866;

(2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5.a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

### **Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

### **Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

### **PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

#### **§ 71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace

Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace.

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**AGL IL D Alton/St. Louis, IL [Amended]**

St. Louis Regional Airport, IL

(lat. 38°53'24"N., long. 90°02'46"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,000 feet MSL within a 4.4-mile radius of the St. Louis Regional Airport, excluding that airspace within the St. Louis, MO, Class B airspace area. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6004. Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D or Class E

Surface Area.

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**AGL IL E4 Alton/St. Louis, IL [Amended]**

St. Louis Regional Airport, IL

(lat. 38°53'24"N., long. 90°02'46"W.)

Civic Memorial NDB

(lat. 38°53'32"N., long. 90°03'23"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 2.5 miles each side of the 008° bearing from the Civic Memorial NDB extending from the 4.4-mile radius of the St. Louis Regional Airport to 7 miles north of the Civic Memorial NDB. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the

Surface of the Earth.

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**AGL IL E5 Alton/St. Louis, IL [Establish]**

St. Louis Regional Airport, IL

(lat. 38°53'24"N., long. 90°02'46"W.)

Civic Memorial NDB

(lat. 38°53'32"N., long. 90°03'23"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.9-mile radius of St. Louis Regional Airport, and within 2.5 miles each side of the 008° bearing from the Civic Memorial NDB extending from the 6.9-mile radius of the airport to 7 miles north of the Civic Memorial NDB.

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